

MARANATHA MESSENGER

JUNE 2013

Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship Times:

8:45 and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary

- **June 4, 11, 18 & 25—Tuesdays,** Victory Bound Recovery in the Conference Room at 6:00 PM for support for those recovering from addictions.
- **June 12, 19, & 26—Wednesdays,** "Treasure Seekers" Women's Bible Study on the book of John with Mary Holmes at the church.
- **June 15—Saturday,** Christian Motorcycle Association will have a breakfast and games at Maranatha from 9AM– 1:00 PM. For further information contact Pastor Paul at 715-234-8313.
- **June 16—Sunday,** Happy Father's Day
- **June 19—Wednesday,** Young at Heart (Age 55+) in the Fellowship Hall. Potluck— be sure to sign up at the Connecting Point or on the Blue Sheet for what you can bring or contact Lee & Shelby Wohlk at 715-458-2925. Janelle Peterson will performing music for entertainment & a sing along.
- **June 22-30—Youth Short-Term** Missions Trip to New Orleans. Please pray for youth and adults who will travel to Louisiana to support in hurricane relief efforts and help with church plants in the area.
- **June 30—Sunday, All—Church** Family Picnic to support Missionaries Andy & Cari Robertson in Chad. Fee will offering picnic lunch followed by family games and prizes to raise \$6,000.00 for the purchase of solar panels for Bebalem hospital and clinic in Chad. Join us for this special day of 3-legged sack races, tug of war, pie eating contest and more fun than you can imagine. All donations will be put toward the solar panel/electricity needs at the mission.

Elders' Minute

June 2013



Senior Pastor
Dan Reid

In keeping with the theme of better communication, here is another installment of the Elders' Minute. The goal is to keep you up to date on the happenings at Maranatha, to keep you encouraged at all that God is doing and for you to know how to specifically pray given the various issues that arise. To that end, thank you for all you do in helping Maranatha towards its vision of Reaching All Generations for Christ.

1. Reaching All Generations for Christ is the vision of Maranatha. When churches turn inward, they stagnate and lose sight of the Great Commission. Jesus commanded us according to Matthew 28:19-20 to **"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** Making disciples of all nations means interacting with those who might not be the same as us. Differences can be un-nerving because we often fear what we do not understand. Reaching the Next Generation means loving on people right where they are at and being flexible to their needs.
2. Reaching All Generations often entails dealing with conflict. Conflict stinks but it is inevitable within any church, let alone one our size. Conflict can either bring people together or drive them apart and it all depends upon how it is handled. Fortunately Jesus gave us a model to follow in Matthew 18:15-17. **"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."** The point here is that conflict needs to be addressed one-to-one before it goes before others. So take the risk, go to your brother or sister who you feel has sinned against you and talk to them. Bring love and patience with you and you might be surprised at how God works even in the midst of conflict.
3. In the event that the conflict continues, we want to remind you of the Conflict Resolution Team led by Mike & Sandy Prusinski. Mike is part of our Elder Board and Sandy usually can be found somewhere in the church serving with a smile. Their role is to aid in resolving conflict and making sure people feel heard by leadership when needed.
4. Pastor Dan held a symposium with three local business leaders from the community and our church. The goal was to gain insight from other leaders to promote effective leadership amongst our team. Dan's report was that these leaders were well received. He also commented on how grateful he is for the immense gifts evident in our body.
5. Hey Rube. As of last Sunday we welcomed 47 new volunteers for children and youth ministries for the summer. By now you have probably see Pastor Tony at the back of the sanctuary making the "Big Ask". Thank you to all of you who volunteered for this vital ministry.



Jim Holmes



Darren Cox



Scott Carlson



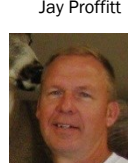
Lee Graese



Bill McClain



Jay Proffitt



Mike Prusinski



Rocco Raymond

6. Budget time. Our last Elder's meeting on May 14th was primarily devoted to reviewing the proposed 2013-14 budget. Without the time and talents of our finance team, this process would be very difficult and a special thank you is in order for this team. Hours and hours are spent preparing budgets with the goal of honoring God with the funds He has graciously entrusted to us.
7. New Sunday service times (8:45 AM & 10:30 AM). This Sunday, June 2nd, we launch our new service schedule that includes the grand opening of our remodeled sanctuary space and Summer Children's Church during both hours. The new chairs for the space, paint for the sanctuary, and carpeting squares for the fellowship hall are scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks.

By God's Grace,
Maranatha Elders

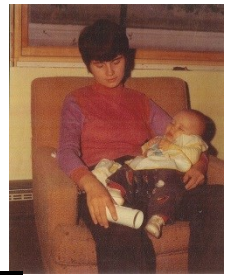


awana WRAPS UP WITH award's NIGHT



A Little Fun with Our Mothers...

On Mother's Day we saw a slideshow of mothers of our congregation. I inadvertently left out two sweet photos that I would like to share with you, and have a little fun. If you can be the first to call the church office and correctly identify this mother, you will receive a prize. If you call after or before office hours, please leave your name, and guess, at Extension 1 with a phone number that I can reach you. Our answering machine will give me the time you called. Thanks, and enjoy these wonderful reminders of motherhood.



TREASURE-SEEKERS--

Women, come search the book of John for treasure this summer.

Wednesdays, June 12-August 28, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

(except July 17 for VBS).

Sign up at the Connecting Point.

Contact Mary Holmes for information

715-418-9761 or m-holmes@bethel.edu.

Group size determines location.



"Essentials" Graduates



Our first "Essentials" class celebrated their graduation on May 2nd. Class members learned the essentials of Christianity, Maranatha and small group life. Another class starts in the fall. Pictures by Mary Holmes.

Sewing for Ethiopia

Karen Fowler will be traveling on a short-term mission to Ethiopia in late June and will be taking "Blessing Bags" (clothing and basic items) to children in Ethiopia. Women's Ministry volunteers met on three Thursday evenings in May to sew clothes for the bags. (Pictures courtesy of Carol Lathrop)



*"But God has surely
listened and heard
my voice in prayer.
Praise be to God,
who has not
rejected my prayer
or withheld His
love from me!"
Psalm 66:19-20*

Congregational Care - Prayer Concerns

Please include these people in your prayers:

Nancy Peters, Amanda Stariha, Fran Reich, Marv Oftedahl, Don Frolik, Stan Oftedahl, Darlene Strohmeier, Ray Caldwell, Don Murley, Pat Swanson, Connie Blix, Alex Mitchell, JaNice Sisko, Marjie Peterson's husband Lynn and dad Richard, Bob Lindner's sister Linda Schatz, Paul Murry's brother Benny, Glen Wegner's brother Greg, Esther Swan's brother David and sisters Freida and Barbara, Kathy Johnson's mother Irene Vaughn, Lee & Shelby Wohlk's grandson Jesse, Fran Reich's children, Lillian Bjugstad's son Mark, Elfriede Harwart's children, Don & Bernadette Park's son Bruce, Harold & Marilyn Edward's son Steve, Jane Gudim's mother Dorothy, Sandy Hodge's sister Jo, McClain's daughter-in-law Sandy, Leah Margan's niece Leanna, Mary Benson's sister Darlene, Patricia Young's brother Harlan, Mike Green's friend Dave, Rick & Laura Hill's brother-in-law Rick, Mary Graese's sister Corinne and nephew Joshua, Dean Valentin's cousin Tim, and Mary Potter's friend Steve.

Residents of Nursing Care: Thomas Landing: Ruth Fredrickson-Olson, Knaphaven (Chetek): Lois Carlson.

Serving in the military: Steve Blihovde's son Grant is serving in

Afghanistan. Dave & Darlene Strohmeier's daughter Dawn is serving in the Middle East. Mike & Lori Green's son Kyle is serving overseas in the Navy.

Praises: High School graduates graduating this spring are: Kianna Fornell, Conner Massie, Tim Sandmann, Erin Scott, Zach St. Aubin, Maddie Mitchell, Katrina Schuebel, Abigail Featherly, Stacie Nielsen, Holly Reid, Kaitlyn Ottum, Kent Pavick, Gabe Strzlecki, and Sam Heer.

Gary Mohr and Barry & Aisha Frisinger have joined in membership at Maranatha Evangelical Free Church.





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JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS



VICTORY BOUND RECOVERY, AN ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP, MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT MARANATHA. ANYONE SEEKING SUPPORT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PASTOR PAUL AT 715-234-8313 OR PAUL@MARANATHAFREE.COM.

TREASURE SEEKERS—WOMEN, COME SEARCH THE BOOK OF JOHN FOR TREASURE THIS SUMMER. WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 12TH-AUGUST 28TH, 9:00-11:00 AM (EXCEPT JULY 17 FOR VBS). SIGN UP AT THE CONNECTING POINT. CONTACT MARY HOLMES FOR INFORMATION, 715-418-9761 OR M-HOLMES@BETHELE.EDU. GROUP SIZE WILL DETERMINE CLASS LOCATION.

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 16TH.

YOUNG AT HEART (AGE 55+)—WILL MEET FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWED BY MUSIC PERFORMED BY JANELLE PETERSON, WITH A SING ALONG TIME. SIGN UP FOR WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE POTLUCK AT THE CONNECTING POINT OR BY CONTACTING LEE AND SHELBY WOHLK AT 715-458-2925.

FAMILY PICNIC AND FUN DAY—PLANNED FOR JUNE 30TH IN SUPPORT OF MISSIONARIES ANDY + CARI ROBERTSON IN CHAD. MARANATHA MISSIONS TEAM WILL SPONSOR A FREE WILL OFFERING PICNIC LUNCH FOLLOWED BY FAMILY GAMES AND PRIZES TO RAISE \$6,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOLAR PANELS TO PROVIDE THE BEBALEM HOSPITAL AND CLINIC IN CHAD WITH RELIABLE ELECTRICITY FOR THEIR REFRIGERATION OF MEDICATIONS, AND FOR OPERATION OF LIGHTS AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY OF 3-LEGGED SACK RACES, TUG OF WAR, PIE EATING CONTEST AND MORE FUN THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE PUT TOWARD THE SOLAR PANEL NEEDS AT THE MISSION.

SHORT-TERM YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA WILL BE JUNE 22-JUNE 30TH. PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVE OUTREACH OF THE TEAM.

MARANATHA COMMUNITY GARDEN: IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A GARDEN PLOT, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10 PLOTS STILL AVAILABLE. CONTACT LEE WOHLK AT 715-458-2925.

REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES... VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MARANATHAFREE.COM AND CLICK ON THE LINK FOR MINISTRIES WHICH WILL TAKE YOU TO WHERE YOU CAN CLICK ON "MISSIONS." **MONTHLY UPDATED PRAYER REQUESTS WILL BE POSTED THERE.** IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE MISSIONARY PRAYER SHEET FROM THE CONNECTING POINT (DESK) IN THE WELCOME CENTER.

SERVICE TIMES : SUNDAY SERVICES ARE 8:45 AM + 10:30 AM. HIDE AND SEEK CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AGES 30 MONTHS THROUGH 5TH GRADE IS DURING BOTH SERVICES IN THE MINISTRY CENTER. THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH PROGRAMS ARE IDENTICAL FOR BOTH SERVICES. NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS THROUGH 36 MONTHS IN THE MAIN CHURCH FOR ALL SERVICES.